

REMARKS

Responsive to the action mailed March 9, 2004, Applicants elect the invention of Group II. The election is made without traverse.

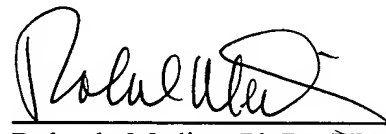
Claims 108 and 149-160 are currently pending, claims 1 and 109-148 having been canceled, and new claims 149-160 added by the present amendment. Claim 108 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 128 and 129, now canceled. New claim 149 is based on claim 130, now canceled. New independent claim 150, based on original claim 108, incorporates the limitations of claims 109 and 113, now canceled. New independent claim 151 is based on original claim 108 and incorporates the subject matter of claims 115, 117 and 118, now canceled. New claims 152-154 are based on claims 119 and 120, now canceled. New independent claim 155 is based on original claim 108 and incorporates the limitations of claim 110. Support for new claims 156-160 can be found in the specification as originally filed at, e.g., page 32, lines 15-26. No new matter has been added.

Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendments to the claims.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time along with a \$1,480 check for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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